

B. HOSTILITY AND AGGRESSION

i. INDIVIDUAL HOSTILITY

a. *The Motive of Possession*

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17.10.24. The children plucked the withered hollyhock stalks and used them to march round the garden in " Follow my Leader ". There was a good deal of squabbling amongst the children as to whose were the longest of the sticks, every-one wanting these. Cecil was standing in the sand-pit with his own stick in his hand, and saw another child with one exactly similar in shape and size. Immediately, quite unaware of the stick he was holding, he shouted out, " That's mine," and tried to take it—looking surprised when we pointed out that he already had his.

22.10.24. The children again marched round the garden with hollyhock sticks, and again they squabbled as to who should have the longest of the sticks. Cecil and Dan were in the garden gathering leaves. There was a good deal of quarrelling for the use of the wheelbarrow ; but after a time they settled down to sharing it.

14.11.24. Frank was making a " bed " with chairs when Harold took one of the chairs. Frank threw a cylinder at Harold, which Harold caught and threw back at Frank. Frank was going to throw it again, when Mrs. I. intervened. He protested, saying, " It didn't hit him ! " as if that gave him the right to throw it again.

14.1.25. Dan and Frank tended to quarrel about the bricks, Dan standing up to Frank (a good deal bigger) very well. Frank shows more hostility to Dan than to Tommy.

22.1.25. Frank kept taking away a wooden egg which Theobald had brought.

11.2.25. Miss B. had given Dan a pair of scissors to use, and when he had put them down Und left them for a time, she took them up to use them. He saw this and immediately screamed, " Those are my scissors, I want them, now" and it took some time to quieten him and make him

willing to let her
use them.

12.2.25. While Dan was occupied with something else, he saw Harold take one of his engine books, which he had left on the shelf, to read, Harold put it down on the table and remarked that he was going to read it " all the morning¹¹.

Dan immediately said, " / want it," and tried to take it from Harold, and screamed and cried. He took it away in the end.